

## NON-IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

With the exception of the new DS-160 form, the process to apply for a non-immigrant visa does not change:

- 1) Complete the electronic application form DS-160 and print the confirmation page to bring to the Embassy on the day of your interview.
- 2) Prepare a photo that meets the Consular Section's requirements (if unable to upload into the DS-160).
- 3) Make an appointment online using the bar-code number on your DS-160 confirmation page.
- 4) Prepare other necessary forms if you are applying the following visas:
  - Students - Form I-20 and I-901
  - Exchange Visitors - Form DS-2019 and I-901
  - Temporary Workers - Petition (I-129)
  - Diplomats and Officials - Diplomatic Note
- 5) Prepare additional recommended documents as shown on the Consular Section's webpage.
- 6) Come to your scheduled interview on time.
- 7) Pay the application processing fee at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy.

See more detailed information at  
<http://uzbekistan.usembassy.gov>

## IMPORTANT NOTES

- Provide complete and correct answers to all questions.
- Be truthful in your answers.
- Remember that even if someone else helps you complete the application, it is the applicant who is responsible for the contents of the answers.
- Before you start completing the application, make sure you have all the necessary information available to you. The system times out after 20 minutes if idle and having the information handy will save your time.

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## **DS-160 THE NEW APPLICATION FOR NONIMMIGRANT VISAS**



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## The DS-160 — a new step in simplifying the non-immigrant visa application process



The U.S. State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs developed the DS-160 web-based non-immigrant visa (NIV) application to incorporate all existing NIV applications into one interactive, online form. It replaces the three forms that made up the Electronic Visa Application Form (EVAF).

With demand for U.S. visas continuing to increase worldwide, the Bureau of Consular Affairs is committed to using new technologies to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the visa application process. The DS-160 NIV application takes advantage of new technologies to better serve our visa applicants.



## WHY THE DS-160?

- It's completely electronic and replaces the three previously required forms — DS-156, DS-157 and DS-158.
- Applicants now need to print only one confirmation page instead of the three or more pages required before.
- Photos can now be uploaded in advance thus saving the applicant the hassle of arriving at the Embassy with a photo that doesn't meet the Embassy's requirements.
- This new form has a translation tool which provides translations of all questions to a number of languages, including Russian. The Consular Section is also developing a translation of the questions into Uzbek.
- The DS-160 can be saved on the user's hard drive during the completion process as well as for later reuse.
- The Family/Group function allows information (i.e. addresses, U.S. contacts) to be duplicated for applicants traveling together.
- Information submitted using the new form immediately becomes available to the Consular Section which decreases the wait time for applicants on the day of the interview.

## TIMELINE

The planned schedule for the implementation of the Form DS-160 is as follows:

**April 1, 2010** – the form becomes available on the Consular Section's webpage for optional use by applicants.

**April 30, 2010** – the form becomes required for all non-immigrant visa applicants.

## HOW TO COMPLETE THE DS-160

- Go to <http://ceac.state.gov/genniv>
- Click "Start Application" and select *Russian* or *English* as a tooltip language (in the upper-right hand corner) and Tashkent, Uzbekistan as the place of application.
- Click on "Test Photo" to see if your photo meets the requirements. If it fails, you may continue to complete the application without one.
- Provide correct and complete answers to all questions. Use "Don't know" and "Not applicable" only as necessary.
- The following questions are essential to ensure the timely processing of your visa application:
  - gender
  - age
  - are you the principal applicant?
  - purpose of travel
  - previous trips to the U.S.
- **Save your form often - at least after completing every page!**
- After finishing the form, attempt to upload your photo again if it failed the first time. If it fails again, bring the photo with you to the Embassy on the day of your interview.
- Indicate if someone else filled out the application for you. If yes, provide the requested information.
- Submit the application online and print the confirmation page. Bring the printed confirmation page with you to the Embassy on the day of your interview. You can e-mail the confirmation page to yourself if necessary. Do not send the page by E-mail to the Consular Section.